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To the County Board
Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin ("the County") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Fond du Lac County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Fond du Lac County Housing Authority which is presented as a component unit of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. These statements were audited by other auditors, whose report thereon has been furnished to us and our opinion, insofar as it relates to amounts included for the Fond du Lac County Housing Authority, is based solely upon the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the County as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund, the county road and bridge special revenue fund, the department of community programs special revenue fund, and the department of social services special revenue fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note D.2, the County has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other than Pensions, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2009, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



The management's discussion and analysis, the schedule of funding progress and the schedule of employer contributions are not a required part the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The financial information listed in the table of contents as other supplemental information, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The information identified in the table of contents as the Introductory Section and Statistical Section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.



Certified Public Accountants
Green Bay, Wisconsin
July 21, 2009